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1. FACT THAT RFE AND DEUTSCHE WELLE CONTRACT WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE SAME TIME BY GOP IS BOTH ADVANTAGE AND DISADVANTAGE AS SEEN BY BIB. ADVANTAGE IS, OF COURSE, THAT CHANCES OF TURNDOWN ARE SLIM BECAUSE GOP COULD NOT LIGHTLY TURN DOWN RFE WHILE APPROVING DW OR INDEED TURN DOWN BOTH. DISADVANTAGE IS THAT WHILE DW WISHES TO DE-EMPHASIZE FRG CONNECTION, BIB FOR REASONS PREVIOUSLY OUTLINED MUST EMPHASIZE USG CONNECTION. IMPORTATION OF TRANSMITTERS IS CASE IN POINT. DW USING PORTUGUESE COMPANY WILL IMPORT TRANSMITTERS AND PAY DUTY WHILE TRANSMITTERS FOR RARET WILL BE BIB, I.E., USG-OWNED AND SHOULD BE GIVEN DUTY FREE ENTRY. (FYI, FRG ABOUT TO GRANT BIB TRANSMITTERS DUTY FREE ENTRY INTO FEDERAL REPUBLIC.) ANOTHER CASE IN POINT IS USG-GOP EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WHICH ROSA AGREED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO WAS FEASIBLE. WE NEED THIS EXCHANGE WHILE DW DOES NOT.

2. IN VIEW OF THESE FACTS BIB WONDERS WHETHER YOU FEEL
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THAT THIS IS THE TIME TO STRESS THE PECULIAR AMERICAN

PROBLEMS OR WAIT UNTIL AFTER GOP CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES.
IN PARTICULAR, WILL OCTOBER 4 MEETING ADDRESS ALSO

QUESTION OF GOP-USG EXCHANGE OF LETTERS? SHOULD THIS
REQUIREMENT BE EMPHASIZED BEFORE MEETING OR SHOULD WE
LET MATTERS TAKE THEIR COURSE AND RERAISE EXCHANGE OF
LETTERS AFTER CONTRACT APPROVED. EMBASSY'S VIEWS
APPRECIATED. ROBINSON

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